Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods | Press Conference and First Meeting

This month, I held a press conference and convened my first meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods. We released the Committee’s comprehensive work plan and key priorities. This proposed work plan tackles many key issues that have been plaguing our City for decades, and more importantly, have had a disparate impact on our community.

We must genuinely and truthfully address the meaning of community policing, an approach that must be rooted in treating EVERY person with dignity and respect. I also fully intend to focus on the racial disparities identified in the 2016 SDSU study as well as address the actions taken by the San Diego Police Department to mitigate racial biases. The Committee must do its part to rebuild trust and confidence between our communities and the San Diego Police Department. It is important that law enforcement agencies reflect the cultural, racial and gender diversity of the communities that they serve and protect. We also need incentive programs to encourage officers to live in these same communities.

I also look forward to increasing engagement with stakeholders in the fight for food justice and reviewing current code enforcement policies to mitigate public safety concerns in our neighborhoods. While these goals cannot be achieved overnight, I look forward to forging this path and strongly encourage the community - to give input and feedback every step of the way. To read the complete work plan, please click here.

L to R: Bishop Cornelius Bowser, Pastor Jesus Sandoval, Amanda Le, Dr. Gerald Brown, Aemiramique Glass Blake, Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry, Barry Pollard, Andrea St. Julian, Sharmaine Moseley and Rebekah Hook-Held. Not pictured: Diane Moss, Emily Howe, Mack Toney, Darwin Fishman, Clovis Honoré and Brittany LaShawn.
Equal Employment Opportunity Outreach Program (EEO) Compliance Review

This month, an item came before City Council for the Pure Water program. The EEO analysis indicated several underrepresentations within the firms workforce. I reiterated the need to ensure the City is following program requirements in accordance with the municipal code and conduct an audit of this contractor. A mandatory audit for EEO compliance was added as an amendment to the item. This is a huge win for workforce diversity and inclusion in public contracts. You can tune in and watch Council and Committee meetings on City TV24: https://www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv

The Mid-Year Budget Report to include funds for Disparity Study

The City’s Equal Opportunity Contracting (EOC) Program was created to ensure diversity and put safeguards into place to mitigate discrimination in City contracts. While the creation of this program was a step in the right direction, the City must continue to work towards the program goals to ensure fairness in the expenditure of taxpayer dollars. I was pleased to see that the Mayor has committed to move forward with conducting a disparity study to identify the gaps that exist in contracting with underrepresented communities, as well as provide recommendations on how to remedy these gaps.

Vehicle Habitation Ban Repeal | What does it mean for our community?

My Council colleagues and I voted to repeal a nearly 26-year-old ban on people living in cars, after a discriminatory lawsuit was filed. The City’s enforcement efforts were banned since a federal judge imposed an injunction in the case last year. I know many of you have expressed concerns about the ban being repealed. While sleeping in cars is not an ideal situation for our unsheltered population, it is often better than the alternative. Public safety is one of my top priorities. My office will be monitoring your concerns to ensure that every neighborhood and every street are safe in our community.

Tubman-Chavez District Office Hours by Appointment

Community, our grassroots movement did not end with the election. I want to maintain the same access and connection that we shared during the campaign. On Fridays, I have office hours at Tubman-Chavez. You may request a 20-minute appointment to meet with me and discuss your concerns and ideas. I am asking that you make an appointment because I value your time and don’t want to have you wait. Keeping these meetings to 20-minute intervals will allow me to meet with more of you and address more concerns. To make an appointment, please visit our website: https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/event-meeting-request

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- **1619 National Celebration of Black Women** | Saturday, March 2, 2019 | 10 am – 2 pm | Ruocco Park 585 Harbor Ln, San Diego, CA 92101
- **March for Black Women San Diego** | Sunday, March 10 at 10 a.m. Meeting at Euclid and Logan.
- **Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Meeting** | March 13th, 9 a.m. | 202 C. Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101
- **Groundbreaking for Bay Terraces Senior Center** | Monday, March 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. | 7445 Tooma Street, San Diego, CA 92139

*For a complete list of events, please visit our community calendar: [https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventscalendar](https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventscalendar)*

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**Graffiti Removal**
- Location: 7264 – 7286 Paradise Valley Rd
- Location: 7328 – 7390 Paradise Valley Rd
- Location: 7393 – 7399 Paradise Valley Rd
- Location: 7443 – 7555 Paradise Valley Rd
- Location: 521 – 537 Briarwood Rd
- Location: Tagged stop sign at 7310 Prairie Mound Way
- Location: 2301 – 2351 Calle Serena
- Location: 6101 – 6115 Cumberland St.

**Abandoned Vehicle Removal**
- Location: 4700 Magnus Way

**Weed Abatement**
- Location: 5701 Division Street

**Illegal Dumping** (see page 4 for photos)
- Location: 6500 Herrick Street
- Location: 5100 Manzanares Way
- Location: 500 65th Street
- Location: 6400 Akins Avenue

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**Constituent Meetings at Tubman–Chavez:** 21
**Community Events Attended (nights & weekends):** 53
**Commendations Awarded:** 15
**Welcome/Support Letters:** 7
**Proclamations:** 4
**Council, Committee and Outside Committee Meetings:** 35
February is Black History Month | The Councilmember’s Reflections

This month, I reflect on the many drum majors for justice that have gone before us and paved the way. I salute Shirley Chisolm, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Maxine Waters and many others who are woven into the fabric of our movements. I attended many BHM events, these are just a few (below L to R): Black History Month Proclamation at City Hall (2 photos); George Stevens Center BHM Fundraiser; San Diego Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Panel Discussion.

Illegal Dumping Clean Up | Before & After Photos

6500 Herrick Street | 5100 Manzanares Way | 500 65th Street | 6400 Akins Avenue